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Ryuki Tachibana Group Art Unit: 2132  
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For: Watermark signal generation device, watermark signal generation method, computer-executable program for executing watermark signal generation method and computer readable recording medium on which the program is recorded, digital watermarking device, and digital TV set including the digital watermarking device.

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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir: